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SUBJ: SCHAUFLE TALK WITH BOUTEFLIKA

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1. BOUTEFLIKA TOOK ADVANTAGE OF MIDNIGHT TO 2A.M.
MEETING WITH SCHAUFLE TO DELIVER BASIC SET-PIECE ON ALGERIAN
POSITIONS CONCERNING FOUR KEY POINTS OF SPECIAL SESSION
CONTENTION, I.E., (1) NATIONAL LAW AS DETERMINING FACTOR
IN EXERCISING PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY; (2) PRODUCER CARTELS;
(3) INDEXATION AND (4) AID TO LIBERATED AREAS. (HE
COULD NOT RESIST BRINGING UP OTHER INTERNATIONAL ISSUES
ON WHICH ALGERIAN AND US POSITIONS AT VARIANCE.)

2. IN EXPLAINING STANDARD ALGERIAN POSITION,
BOUTEFLIKA STRESSED THROUGHOUT THAT ALTHOUGH G-77 "HAD
EASY MAJORITY IN ANY VOTE;, HE PREFERRED CONSENSUS,
AND SPECIFICALLY DID NOT WISH ISOLATE US.
AGREEMENT AT SPECIAL SESSION IS ALL THE MORE DESIRABLE

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GIVEN WORLD-WIDE EFFORTS AT DETENTE. ALGERIA WILL

BE REALISTIC, BUT US MUST BE TOO.

3. CONTINUING HIS PRESENTATION, BOUTEFLIKA ADDED THAT ALL THAT LDC'S WERE DOING WAS TO "CLAIM ECONOMIC FREEDOM TO GIVE MEANING TO THEIR POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE." "EVERYONE" IS WAITING TO LEARN OF US INITIATIVE ON SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEASURES. YES, THERE ARE DISAGREEMENTS AMONG G-77, BOUTEFLIKA CONTINUED, AS THERE ARE AMONG WEO'S.

4. AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELER POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH US INITIALLY HAD HAD RESERVATIONS OVER SPECIAL SESSION, WE HAD APPROACHED MEETING CONSTRUCTIVELY. AMBASSADOR SCALI HAD HAD TWO GOOD TALKS WITH PERMREP RAHAL. PROGRESS IS BEING MADE. BUT, IF COMPROMISE PROVES IMPOSSIBLE, THIS WILL CREATE AN UNPRODUCTIVE SPLIT ADVANTAGEOUS TO NO ONE. CONFRONTATION NOW COULD DELAY PROGRESS ON MANY OTHER FRONTS FOR A LONG TIME INSTEAD OF CONTINUING DIALOGUE BOTH COUNTRIES DESIRE. WE AGREE ON MANY PRINCIPLES--AFTER SESSION WE CAN CONTINUE TO DISCUSS OUR DIFFERENCES ON KEY POINTS, SOME OF WHICH CENTER ON MODALITIES OF IMPLEMENTATION. IN CASTING UN VOTES, US HAS IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES TO CONGRESS AND ELECTORATE: WE CANNOT SIMPLY MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON UN POLITICAL EXIGENCIES. YET, US WISHED TO ASSIST IN RECTIFYING THE LEGITIMATE INJUSTICES OF PAST. US UNDERSTANDS FULLY INTERDEPENDENCE OF WORLD ECONOMIES.

5. BOUTEFLIKA AND SCHAUFELER AGREED THAT SPECIAL SESSION OCCURS AT UNIQUE CONFLUENCE OF HISTORY WHICH CAN BENEFIT ALL COUNTRIES, DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING. WE SHOULD NOT LOSE THIS CHANCE BY ENGAGING IN STERILE CONFRONTATION WHICH COULD RETARD SERIOUS AND CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

6. IN CLOSING, BOTH BOUTEFLIKA AND SCHAUFELER AGREED ON DESIRABILITY OF FOLLOW-UP MEETING BETWEEN BOUTEFLIKA AND AMBASSADOR SCALI, APRIL 30--BOTH SIDES WISH TO COOPERATE, SAID BOUTEFLIKA, AND G-77 RECOGNIZES THAT US HAS IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY.

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7. COMMENT: IN THIS FIRST CONTACT BOUTEFLIKA REPEATED STANDARD ALGERIAN POSITIONS THESE ISSUES AND WE WOULD EXPECT NOTHING ELSE. CONCILIATORY MOVES, IF THEY COME, WILL BE EXPRESSED IN DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS ON TEXT OF DECLARATION AFTER ALGERIANS HAVE ENGAGED IN NECESSARY CONSULTATIONS WITH THEIR FRIENDS.

8. IN THIS FIRST GO-ROUND WE DID NOT PROVIDE ANY
INFORMATION ABOUT POSSIBLE US INITIATIVE, WHICH WE BE-
LIEVE WILL BE MORE USEFUL AND EFFECTIVE AT SCALI-
BOUDEFILKA MEETING WHICH TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR NOON
APRIL 30.
END COMMENT.

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